

REMARKS

New Claims 23-48 are added to the application. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application and claims as originally filed, for example, at least at pgs. 8-15, 21-26. Thus, no new matter is introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 are now pending, of which Claims 1, 47 and 48 are independent. Claims 2, 3, and 5-23 are canceled without prejudice by the present amendment. Claims 11-21 were previously withdrawn from consideration, but are now canceled to reduce claim fees. Applicant reserves the right to file the canceled claims in a related application. Claims 1-10 and 22-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-10 and 22-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based on U.S. Publication No. 2002/0038348 to Malone, et al. Claims 2, 3, and 5-10, 22 and 23 are now canceled, and thus, the rejection of these claims is moot. For the reasons discussed below, the rejection of Claims 1 and 4 are overcome.

The pending claims are amended by the present amendment to be directed to an embodiment of the application that relates to creating a searchable index of geographically bounded content, which is stored on a tablet device and accessible on the tablet device without accessing a computer network. As described in the application, the searchable index is “stored offline to be accessed later in a tablet or other wireless device without the requirement of access to the Internet.” By storing and indexing geographically bounded content on a tablet device and making this content available offline, a user has the ability to use the tablet device while traveling without connecting to the Internet. The user can use the tablet device to find out information about businesses that are located within the physical location of the tablet device. In this way, advertisements for a business can be generated when the tablet device is physically located near that business.

By way of contrast, Malone relates to a distributed network in which storage and indexing of web content can be distributed to several computing devices. Although Malone

briefly discusses the notion of geography specific indexing, Malone does not contemplate the mobile tablet device of the present invention that stores and indexes geographically bounded content, and enables that content to be accessible without connecting to a computer network. Thus, Malone does not address the problems associated with travelers who want information quickly about local business, without being connected to the Internet. As such, Malone does not discuss the inventive tablet solutions of the present invention.

Therefore, Malone does not discuss the requirements of the invention, namely:

- identifying content on a computer network associated with a geographically bounded region;
- using the geographically bounded content, creating and maintaining a list of geographically bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents, on the computer network, that are associated with the geographically bounded region;
- creating a searchable index of the geographically bounded content;
- storing the geographically bounded content and the searchable index on a tablet device; and
- using the tablet device, searching the searchable index of geographically bounded content and providing geographically bounded content in response to the search without accessing the computer network, as set forth in Claim 1.

As such, it is respectfully requested that the § 102 rejection of Claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Claim 4 depends from Claim 1. For reasons similar to those set forth above, Claim 4 is not disclosed by Malone. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that § 102 rejection of Claim 4 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

New Claims 24-46 depend from Claim 1. For reasons similar to those set forth above, new Claims 24-46 are not disclosed by Malone. New independent Claims 47 and 48 recite limitations similar to those set forth in Claim 1. For reasons similar to those set forth above, new

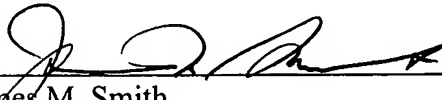
Claims 47 and 48 are not disclosed by Malone. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that new Claims 24-48 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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